

Holocaust. Legislation was praised by many members of the US Congress.

Greece became a full member of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (Cracow Session 12–18 November 2005).

Memorials have been erected in many cities throughout Greece.

Public TV often shows documentaries and historical series on the Holocaust.

Since school year 2005–2006, the Holocaust is included in the curriculum of the third grade Lyceum (age 17–18 years old) entitled “War crimes—the Holocaust” and students are tested at the end of the school year.

An extensive revision of textbooks is being undertaken by the Pedagogical Institute. A new textbook and teachers’ guidelines will be issued next year. Textbooks of primary and secondary education are also being revised.

#### (D) HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE

Greece has firmly condemned pronouncements by the Iranian President calling for Israel to be wiped-off the map and denying the indisputable fact of the Holocaust. How would anyone deny this fact when the Greek-Jewish community almost vanished during the German occupation of Greece?

The unique historic perspective of the Jewish people guarantees that the issue of Macedonia is well understood. After all, one of the most ancient and flourishing Greek-Jewish communities is in Thessaloniki. Jews from Macedonia who after WW II emigrated to Israel or the US are proud for their Greek inheritance.

History transcends national borders. It belongs to all of us. Political differences cannot justify the distortion of history in any form. Greeks and Jews understand that.

#### IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF ARMY SPECIALIST CASEY W. NASH

##### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Army Specialist Casey W. Nash, who died the eighteenth of May two-thousand seven in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist Nash and two other soldiers were killed by an improvised explosive device in Tahrir, Iraq. He died of serious injuries when the roadside-improvised explosive device detonated near his unit. Specialist Nash enlisted in the Army in February 2003, shortly after graduating from Eastern Technical High School, where he played football. Casey was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Casey served as a fire support specialist and his duties included mapping coordinates and driving a Humvee. He was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Casey Nash was born in Pasadena, Texas, and moved to Middle River, Maryland with his family when he was a child. He attended Victory Villa Elementary School and Middle River Middle School before attending Eastern Technical High School. Casey moved to Essex, Maryland with his mother, Sandra Nash, and his sister while he was in high school.

The Eastern Technical High School alumnus is succeeded by his father, Lewis Nash, his mother, Ms. Sandra L. Nash, his sister, Sara

Nash, and many family members in Middle River and Essex, Maryland.

Madam Speaker, today I ask that you join with me in honoring the life of a man truly dedicated to serving his Country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I regret that I did not vote on rollcall vote No. 400, on May 22, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted: “Yea” on rollcall No. 400 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2399, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities and for other purposes.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO TERESA KIRKEENG-KINCAID

##### HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid, a remarkable civil servant who dedicated her entire career to making her community, the Illinois River basin, the Upper Mississippi River Region and her Nation a better place. Teresa passed away last week at the young age of 48, after a courageous battle against cancer. Her legacy, however, will continue long into the future. Teresa dedicated her entire professional life to working for the Federal Government. I have long believed that government service is a high and important calling. The hours are often long, the pressures are great, and the monetary compensation is frequently lower than what is available in the private sector. Teresa was one of those individuals who was more concerned with making a difference than making a fortune. Teresa joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer with the Rock Island District in 1981, and continued with the Corps for 26 years. In that time, she served in many roles, including Assistant Chief of the Planning, Program and Project Management Division.

During her two and a half decades of service, Teresa earned a reputation on the Illinois River basin, the Upper Mississippi Region and across the Nation as a public servant of great dedication and integrity. She played a leadership role in formulating navigation, flood damage, and ecosystem restoration projects throughout the entire Upper Mississippi River basin. She was the “go to person” throughout the Corps of Engineers on numerous planning issues. The team she led reestablished the Corps’ Planning Associates program to train future planners for the Corps, a legacy that will last for many decades.

I had the occasion to meet Teresa several times, and know the very high regard in which she was held by her co-workers, her countless friends, and her loving family. It is my hope they will take solace in the fact that through more than two decades of doing the day-to-

day work of democracy, Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid truly earned the title of “hero.”

“DEAMONTE’S LAW,” H.R. 2371

##### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that I have introduced “Deamonte’s Law,” H.R. 2371, a bill to establish a dental home for every American child by increasing dental services in community health centers and training more individuals in pediatric dentistry.

The legislation is named for Deamonte Driver, a 12-year-old Maryland boy who died on February 25, 2007, when a tooth infection spread to his brain. A routine dental checkup might have saved his life, but Deamonte was poor and homeless and he did not have access to a dentist.

When I learned of this senseless tragedy, I was deeply shaken. I simply cannot comprehend how, in this country where we have sent a man to the moon, we let a little boy’s teeth rot so badly that his infection became fatal.

I often say that as adults, we have a responsibility to provide for and protect our children—and we failed to meet that responsibility for little Deamonte.

I think we all should be ashamed by that fact. I know I am.

That is why I have made a commitment to addressing this issue from every angle. I knew that if Deamonte was suffering in my home state of Maryland, other little boys and girls like him were probably also suffering.

To be clear, Deamonte’s case was rare and extreme; however, even the most casual investigation reveals that children across the country are living with painful, untreated tooth decay, many of them dangerously close to acquiring life-threatening infections.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that tooth decay in baby teeth has increased 15 percent among United States toddlers and preschoolers 2 to 5 years old, between 1988 to 1994 and 1994 to 2004;

Tooth decay is the single most common childhood chronic disease, and it disproportionately affects poor and minority children;

Eighty percent of dental decay occurs in just 25 percent of children; and

Parents are three times more likely to report that their children’s dental needs are unmet, when compared with general medical care needs.

A silent epidemic of dental disease is plaguing our children, and our inability to address this issue has had horrifying effects.

That is why I have introduced “Deamonte’s Law,” H.R. 2371, which would address two critical factors contributing to the inability of children like Deamonte to access a dentist:

“Deamonte’s Law” would ensure that children like Deamonte have access to dental services in the communities where they live. Community health centers provide a health safety net to underserved areas, such as